Year	Quantity (in million tonnes)
1992-93	6.756
1993-94	7.078
1994-95	8.475

Major steps taken to augment indigenous availability of coking coal, inter-alia, include:—

(i) Increasing raw coking coal availability by reorganising existing mines and development of new mines.

(ii) Modification of the existing coking coal washeries to improve the capacity utilisation as well as the quality of washed coking coal.

(iii) Increasing raw coal feed to washeries by supplying low volatile medium coking coals of suitable quality.

(iv) Early commissioning of two new washeries under construction at Madhuband (Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.,) and Kedla (Central Coalfields Ltd.,) for increasing the existing washing capacity.

(v) Effective and better coordination between Coal India Limited and the steel plants is being done through regular review meetings at various levels.

Export Promotion Industrial Parks

1898. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up centrally sponsored Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) in the country to assist the State Governments in establishing infrastructural facilities for export oriented production in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no EPIP has been approved for Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) A centrally Sponsored Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) Scheme has been formulated to assist State Governments in establishing infrastructural facilities for export oriented production. The Scheme provides that 75% of the capital expenditure incurred towards creation of infrastructural facilities for export oriented production will be met from a Central grant to the State Governments, which will ordinarily be limited to Rs. 10 crores in each case. In addition, a maintenance grant equivalent to 2% of export turnover of each unit established therein would also be made available to the State Governments for a period of 5 years from the date of commercial production of that unit.

(c) and (d) On the basis of the State Government's recommendations, and EPIP has been approved at Siya, District Dewas in Madhya Pradesh in July, 1995.

Visit of Deputy Premier of Russia

1899. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Deputy Premier of Russia visited India in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this visit will help to double the trade between the two countries as compared to the figures from 1991;

(d) if so, the details thereof with areas of such trade;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures to double its trade transactions with countries of the world taking 1991 as the target base; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Mr. Y.F. Yarov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and the Co-Chairman of the Indo-Russian Joint Commission visited New Delhi on July 5-6, 1995.

(c) and (d) Both, Russia and India have decided to double with volume of trade as compared to the 1993 level to about Rs. 5000